

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

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Note: This presentation includes previews of processes still in development. If changes to these processes are made, we will update this presentation on www.in.gov/fssa.



Modernization Objectives

- Service
- Self-Sufficiency
- Accuracy
- Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars
- Employee Protection



Why Change is Needed

- Problems with the Current System
 - Inconvenience
 - Multiple visits to local office
 - Clients can only communicate with assigned caseworker
 - Lack of Self-Sufficiency
 - Work participation rate is 24% (Federal requirement 50%)
 - Delays in getting engaged in job training and placement
 - Low Accuracy
 - High case error rates impact Hoosier taxpayers
 - System does not have enough protections against fraud

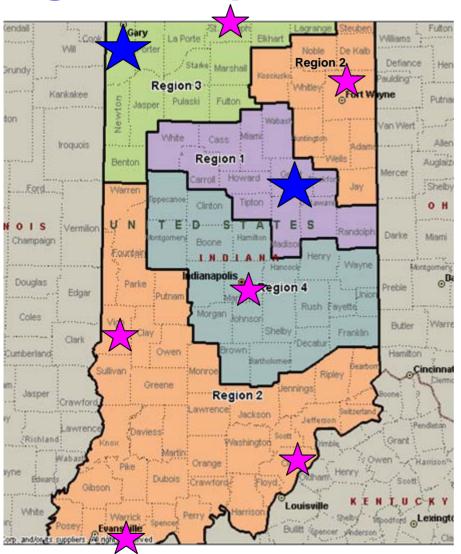


What Changes in the New System

- More ways to apply for TANF, Food Stamps and Medicaid. Applicants can:
 - Start an application on the Internet (available 24 hours a day);
 - Call a toll-free number from 7:00 am 7:00 pm, local time Monday –
 Friday to start an application or ask questions;
 - Mail or FAX copies of required application documents (such as rent receipts or pay stubs); or
 - Visit a county office in person (an office will remain in each county in the new system).
- More ways to check on status of application or benefits
 - Call a toll-free, 24-hour phone system to get information
 - On the Internet, 24-hours a day
- Data collection and electronic storage
 - Application and supporting documents will be scanned and stored electronically



Regional Implementation



Major Service Center Minor Service Center

NOTE: Service Center locations are approximate and preliminary.



V-CAN Overview

- Voluntary Community Assistance Network (V-CAN)
 - A formalized network of community organizations and service providers to serve our mutual clients
 - Activities for participants are limited to **information**, **referrals** and/or access for clients who wish to apply for assistance
- All participation in the V-CAN is voluntary



Goals of the V-CAN

Information Sharing with Clients

- V-CAN Members will receive information via email and bi-monthly newsletters from the IBM-led Coalition about Eligibility Modernization.
- V-CAN Members will receive tools such as posters, tip cards and postcards on ways clients can apply for public assistance benefits

Improved Access for Clients

- V-CAN Members provide clients with the option of using a computer to access the Internet and/or telephone to contact the Call Center
- Clients can apply for or manage benefits when and where it is convenient for them



Levels of Participation

Access Points

- Provide access to new application tools, like the Internet application, Call Center toll-free number or FAX machine
- Can serve current clients only, or the public
- Can provide access to one or more of the tools available
- Receive client educational materials provided to Referral members (see following slide) and Informational Updates
- Receive client support materials, including:
 - Internet roll-menu to place by PCs with website and "Getting Started" instructions
 - Call Center tip cards for individuals calling the toll-free number



Levels of Participation (cont.)

Referral

- Display and share information regarding changes to the public assistance eligibility system with clients
- Receive Informational Updates (see following slide)
- Receive client educational materials, including:
 - Posters with information about new application tools, changes to the eligibility system, etc.
 - Postcards to distribute to interested clients about new tools and changes.



Levels of Participation (cont.)

- Informational
 - Receive Informational Updates via e-mail regarding Eligibility
 Modernization
 - Notification of newsletters available online
 - Invitations to future training regarding Eligibility Modernization



How Do I Join?

Online Registration

- Visit <u>www.in.gov/fssa</u> and click "Eligibility Modernization"
- Complete the V-CAN Registration form

On-Site Registration

- The IBM-led Coalition will register organizations at V-CAN Training Sessions in each region, two to three months before implementation of the new system.
- Registration forms are available you can complete and submit a V-CAN Registration form today!



Applying for Benefits in the New System

V-CAN (or home, library, etc.)





Call Center



Local Office



Internet Application – Overview



Step 1 – Complete screening and view results



Step 2– Apply for benefits, sign and submit required documents

Note: Applicants are not required to complete the screening prior to applying for benefits. If desired, applicants can select "Apply Online" and go directly to the online application.



Internet Application – Step 1

Step 1: Complete screening

- Applicants will complete the screening (similar to QualCheck used today) in English or Spanish.
- Applicants will answer questions related to household members, employment, income and resources.

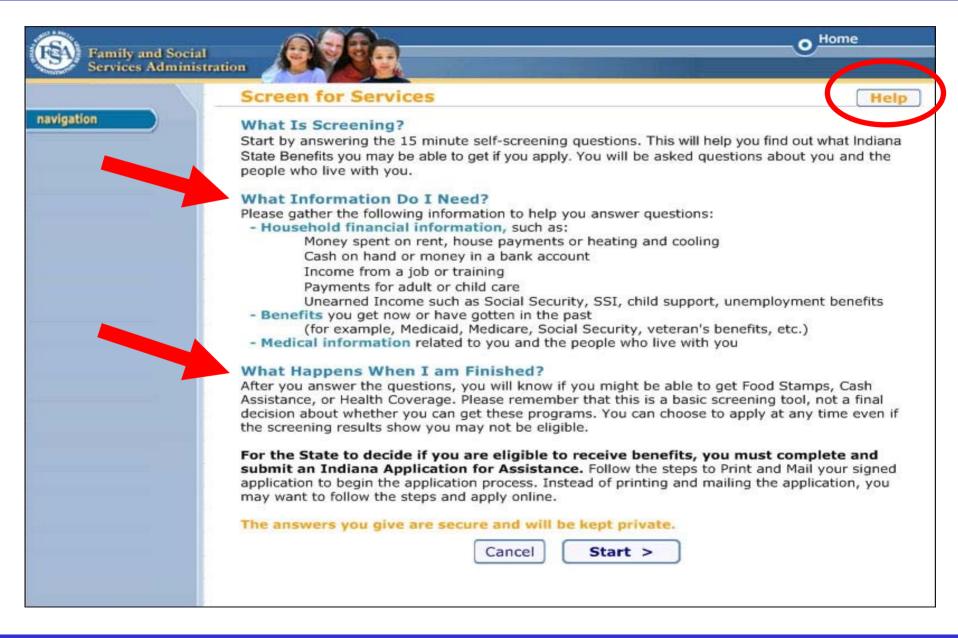


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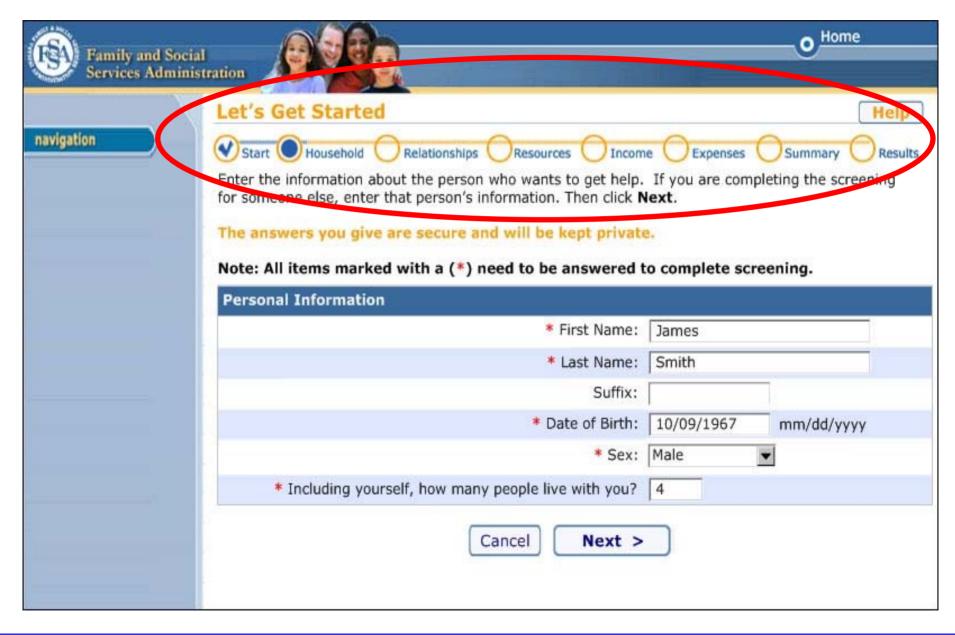


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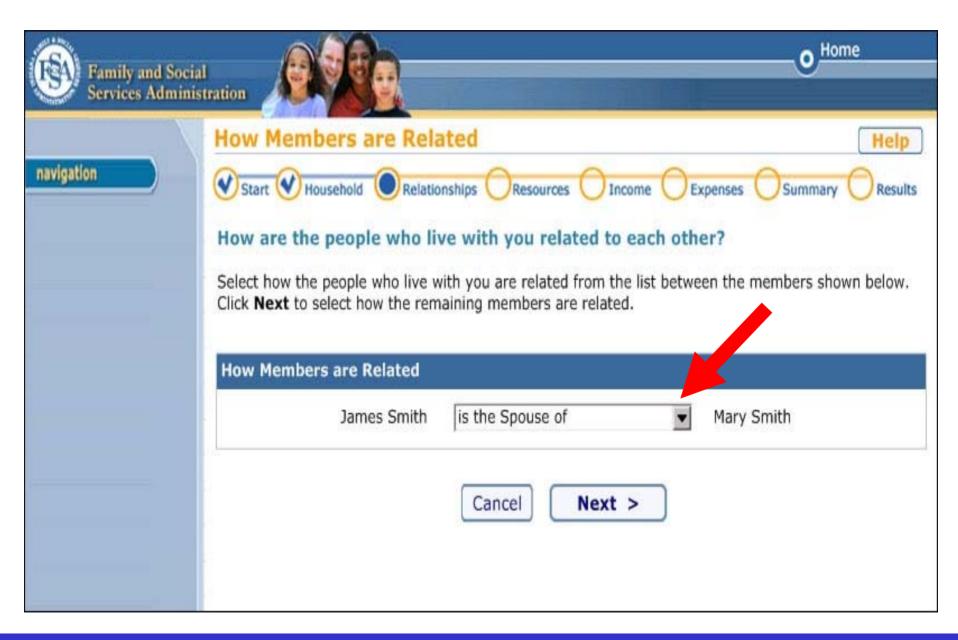




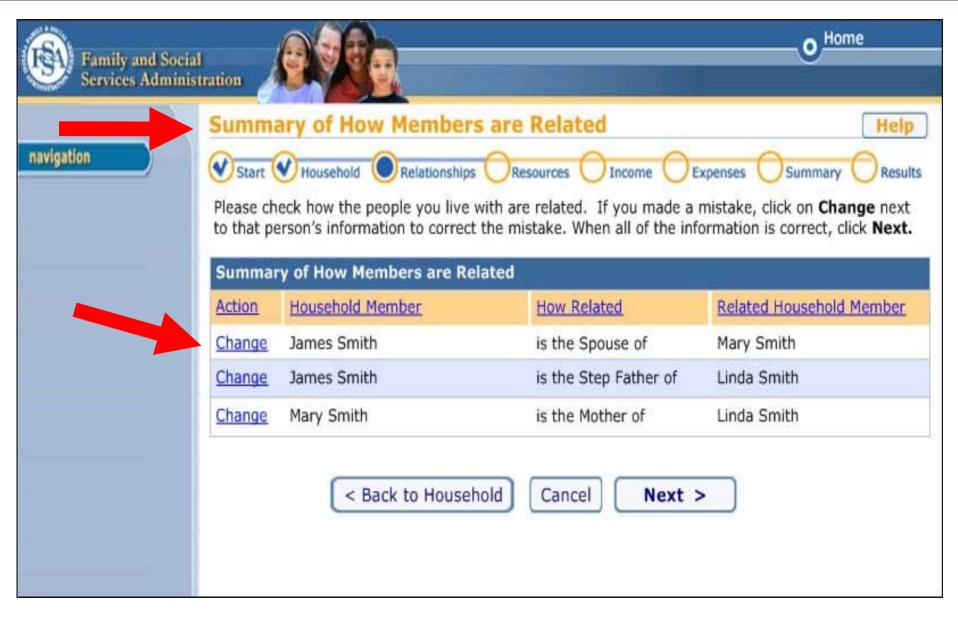


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	Is this person a migrant or seasonal farm worker?		
	Is this person Disabled?		
	Is this person Blind?		
	Does this person have Medicare Insurance?		
	Does this person have Private Health Insurance?		
	Was this person in Foster Care on his 18 th birthday?		
	Does this person have any Resources? (Cash on hand, checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit, retirement accounts, stocks, bonds, etc.)		
	Does this person have any Earned Income? (Money from a job or self-employment)		
	Does this person have any Unearned Income? (Money received from Social Security, SSI, unemployment benefits, Child Support which is associated with the child, etc.)		
	Does this household have any Shelter Expenses? (Expenses such as rent, mortgage, heating and cooling)		
	Does this person have any Medical Expenses?		
	Does this person buy and prepare meals with household?		
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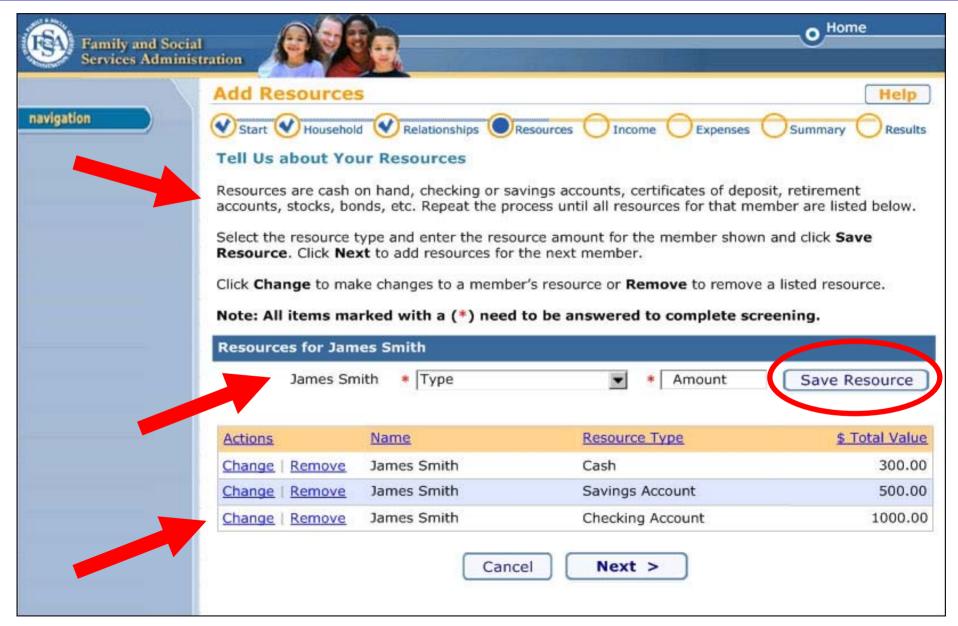




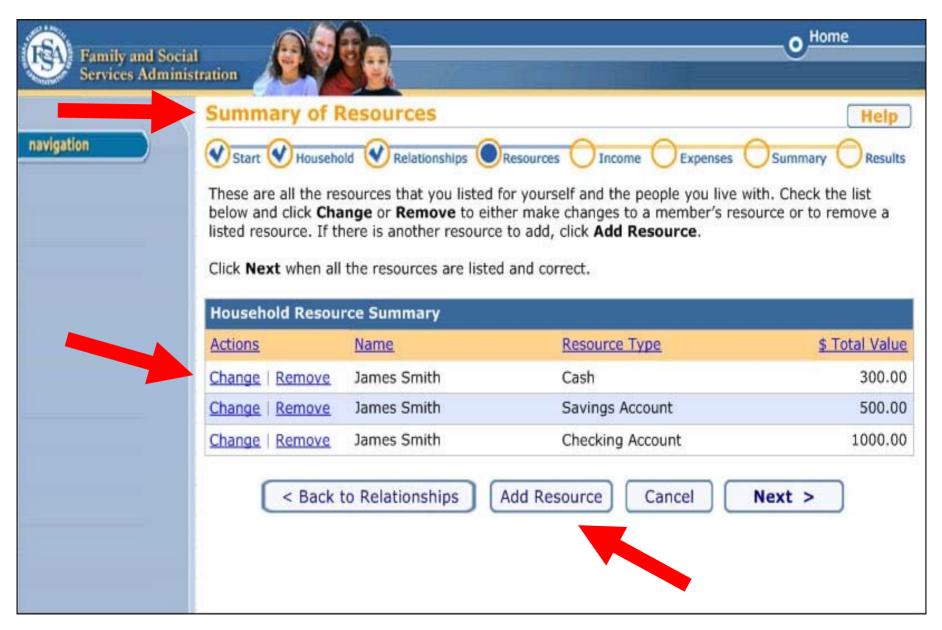




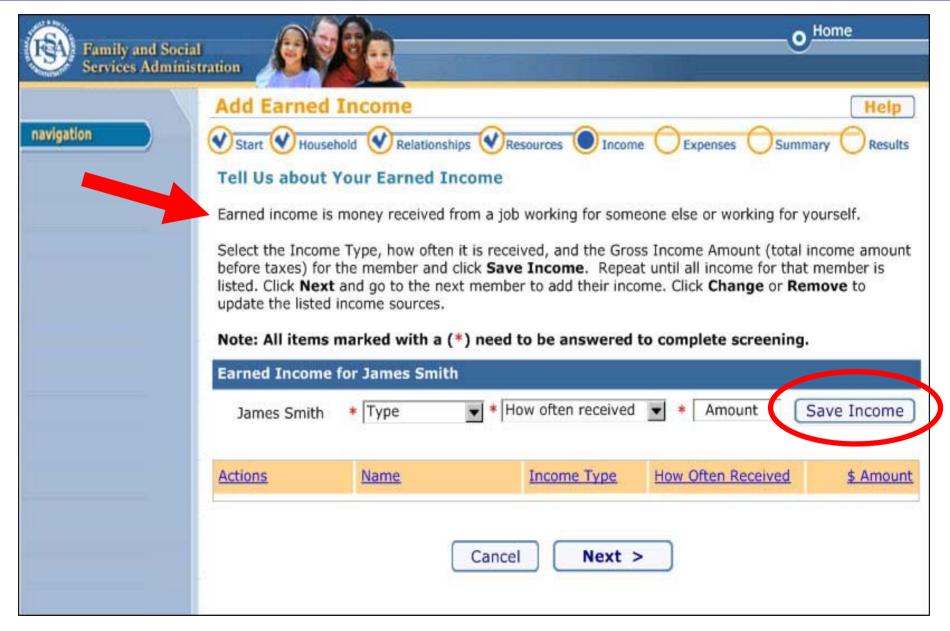




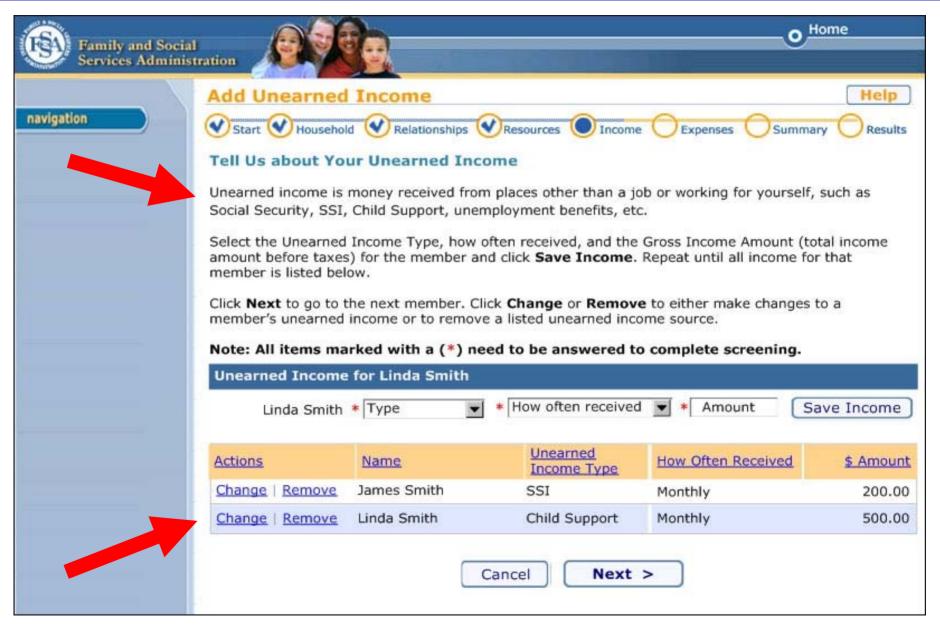




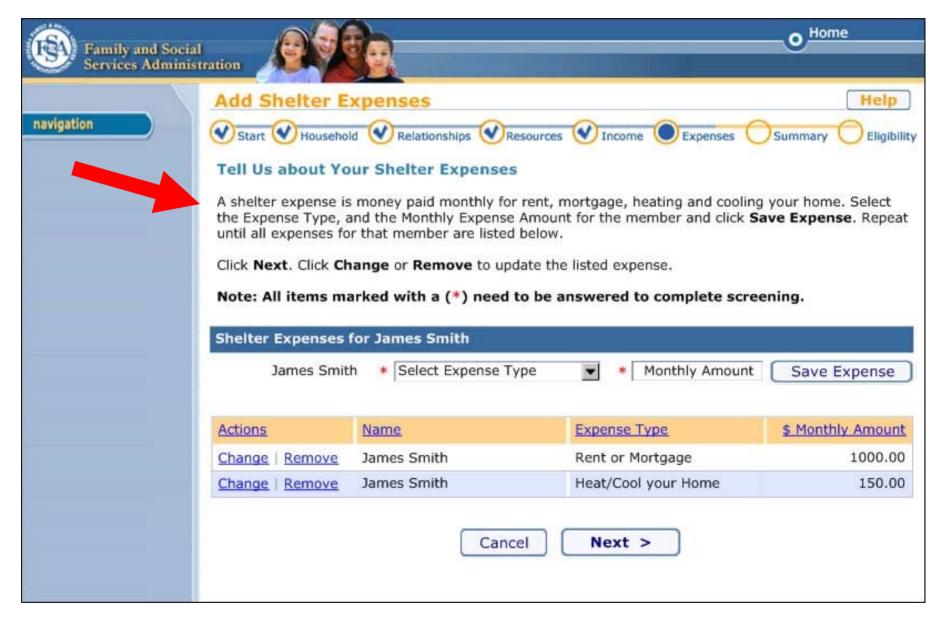




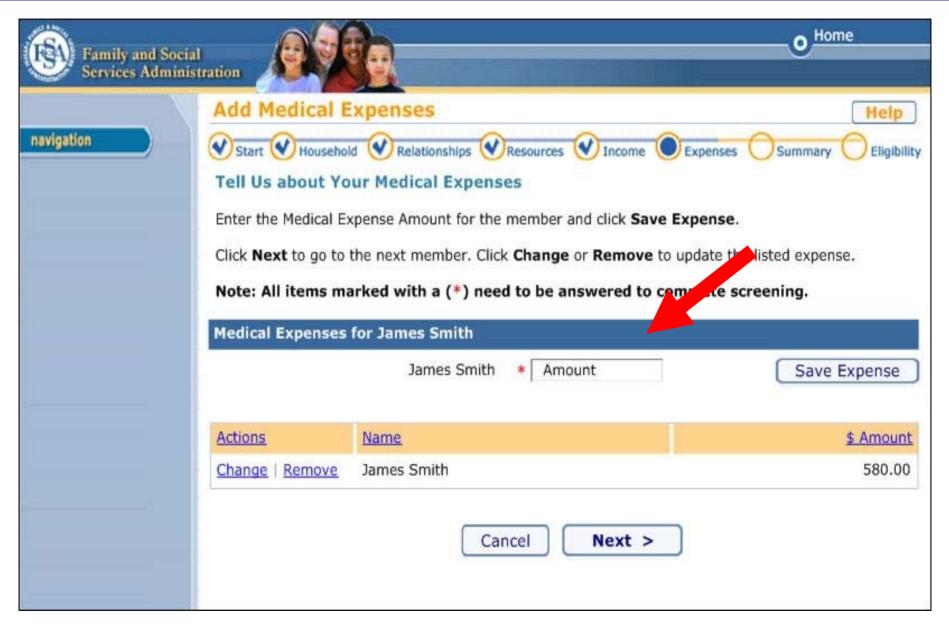




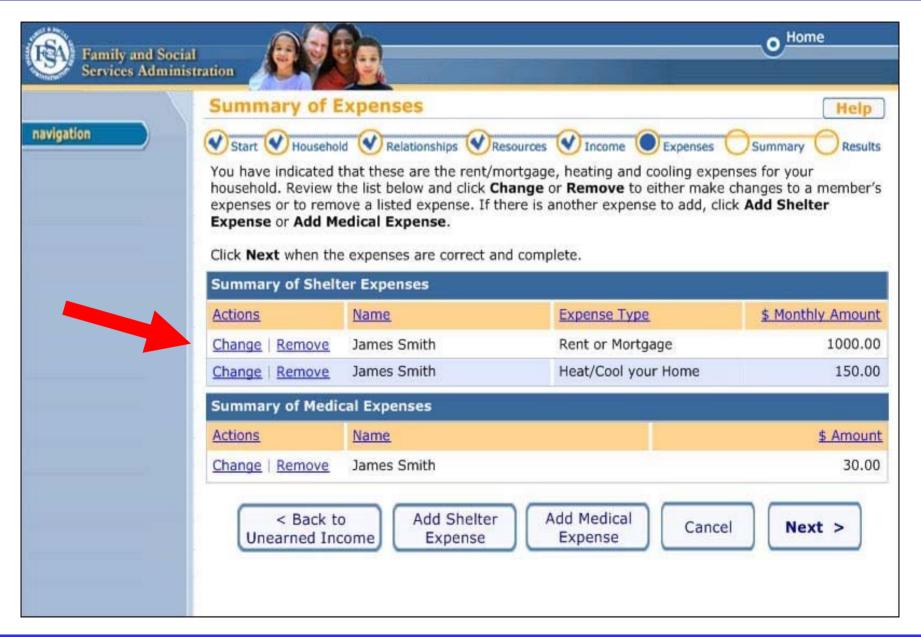




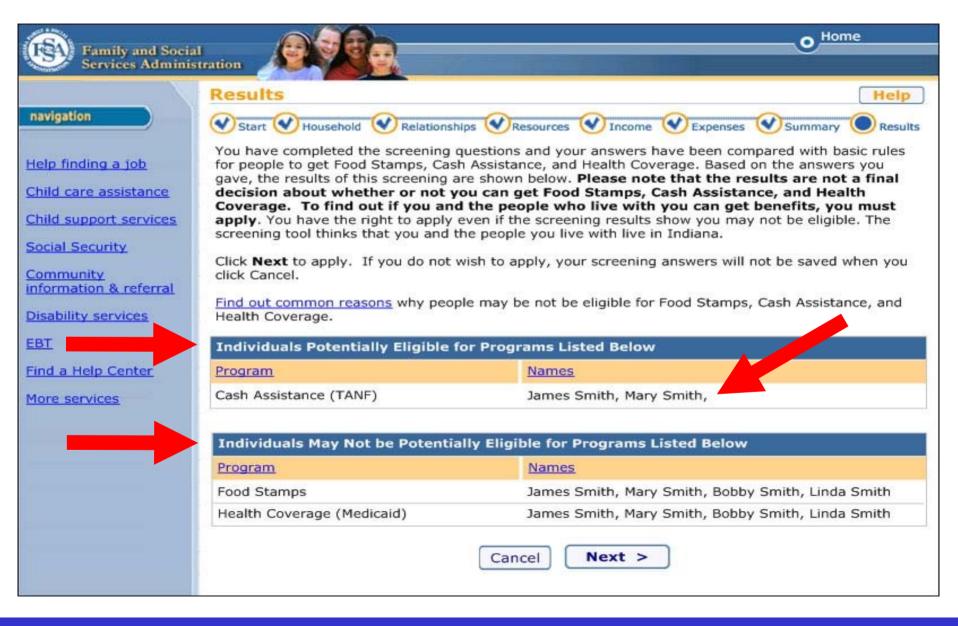














Internet Application – Step 2

Step 2: Apply for benefits

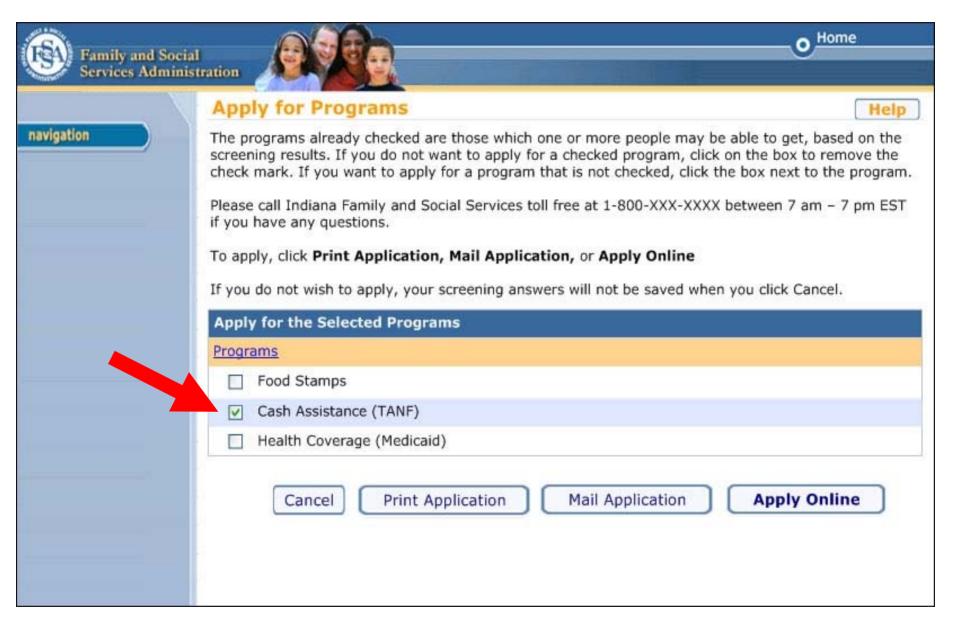
- After screening, applicants can apply for any or all programs.
- Applicants can choose how to complete the application:
 - Enter information into online application (to print, sign and send in)
 - Print application where they are (to finish on paper, sign and send in)
 - Have application mailed to them (to finish on paper, sign and send in)

 Applicant can send the application and supporting documents to the Document Center through the mail, FAX or drop it off at a local DFR office.

Step 1 - Complete screening and view results

Step 2 - Apply for benefits, sign and submit required documents





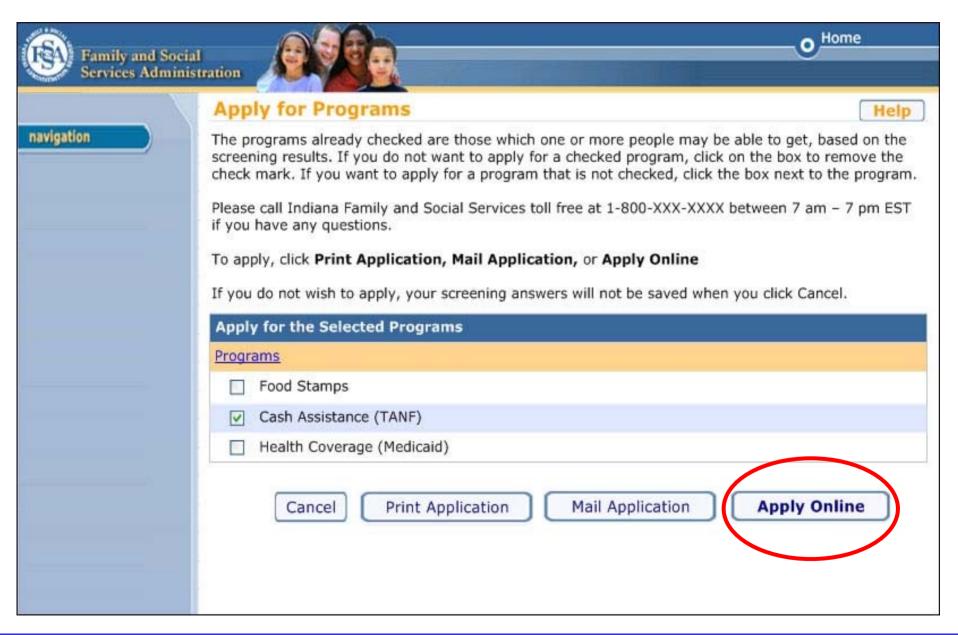


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Internet Application – Step 2 (cont.)





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Call Center – Overview



Step 1 - Applicant answers questions with a Call Center Representative



Step 2 – Applicant completes, signs and submits application



Call Center – Step 1

- Step 1: Applicant answers questions with a Call Center Representative
 - Applicant begins application by answering screening questions regarding household, income and expenses on the phone with a Call Center Representative (in English or Spanish).
 - Call Center mails partially-completed application to applicant.



Step 1- Applicant answers questions with a Call Center Representative



Step 2 – Applicant completes, signs and submits application



Call Center – Step 2

Step 2: Applicant completes, signs and submits application

- Applicant receives application and list of required documents from Service Center and fills out remaining information.
- Applicant signs application, makes copies of required documents, and mails or FAXes packet to Document Center or takes it to a local DFR office.



Step 1- Applicant answers questions with a Call Center Representative



Step 2 – Applicant completes, signs and submits application



Local Office – Overview



Step 1 - Applicant starts application at a local DFR office



Step 2 – Applicant completes, signs and submits application



Local Office – Step 1

Step 1: Applicant starts application at local DFR office

- Applicants can visit a local DFR office to apply using any method:
 - ✓ In-person with a Caseworker
 - ✓ Internet
 - ✓ Call Center
 - ✓ Paper Application



Step 1 - Applicant starts application at a local DFR office



Step 2 – Applicant completes, signs and submits application



Local Office – Step 2

- Step 2: Applicant completes application, signs and submits
 - When application is complete, Applicant will:
 - Print the application (if using the Internet);
 - Request that the application be mailed (if using the Call Center); or
 - Sign the application (if using the paper application or being interviewed).
 - Applicant submits copies of required documents at Local DFR Office or by mail or FAX to the Document Center.



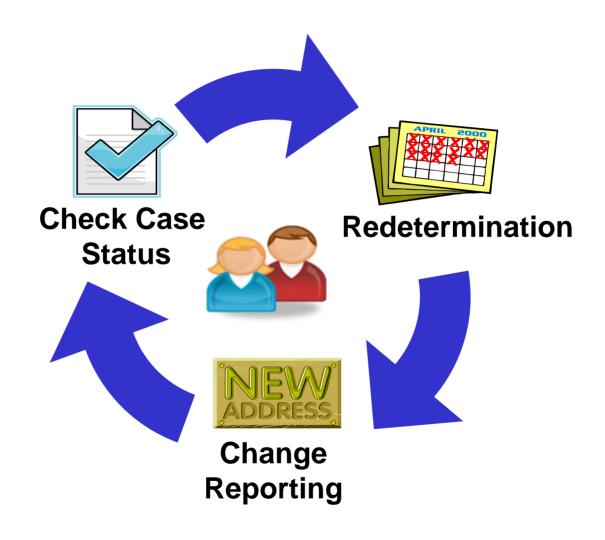
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Managing Benefits in the New System





Check Case Status

- Applicants can check the status of application with:
 - ✓ Internet
 - ✓ Call Center Representative
 - √ 24 Hour Automated System
- Applicants must provide case number and date of birth or last four digits of Social Security Number to check status.





Redetermination





- 1. An Appointment Letter (for an Interview) is sent to client.
- 2. Eligibility Specialist conducts Redetermination Interview on the phone (unless in-person is requested or necessary).
 - After the Interview, a Redetermination packet (summary information, signature page and documents needed) will be mailed to the client.
- 3. Client signs and mails or FAXes the Redetermination documents to the Document Center.
 - Document Center scans the Redetermination documents into the system.
 - Eligibility Specialist is notified that Redetermination documents are ready.
- 4. Eligibility Specialist reviews for completeness and forwards to a State Worker.
- 5. A State Worker determines client eligibility.



Change Reporting

- To report a change of address, income or household members, clients can use:
 - ✓ Internet
 - ✓ Call Center (with a Representative or Automated System)
 - ✓ Local DFR Office





Using the Call Center

Call Center Main Menu Options (English or Spanish):

- 1. Apply for Assistance (by speaking with a Representative)
- 2. Find a Local DFR Office
- 3. Report a Change (income, address, etc.)
- 4. Check Case Status
- Reschedule an Interview
- Letter or Notice
- 7. Report Suspected Fraud
- 8. More Options
 - 1. Trouble getting required information
 - 2. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Questions
 - 3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
 - 4. Third Party inquiry (case-specific or general)
 - 5. Other Questions





Using the Call Center (cont.)

- Call Center Representatives available 7am-7pm (local time)
- The Automated System (after hours) gives the following options:
 - 1. Find a Local DFR Office
 - Check Case Status
 - 3. Report a Change (leave a message with address, income, household changes)
 - 4. Listen to Frequently Asked Questions regarding:
 - 1. Programs (Food Stamps, Cash Assistance (TANF), Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, Medicaid for nursing home care, IMPACT)
 - 2. Reporting Changes
 - 3. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Questions
 - 4. Fraud
 - 5. Service Center mailing address/FAX number
 - 6. Disagreements with a Case Decision
 - 5. EBT Questions (to obtain more detailed EBT account information from JP Morgan)



How You Can Help



Client Benefits of V-CAN Membership

- Convenient locations within the local community, reducing travel requirements.
- Opportunity to access aid without stigma of going to a "welfare office"
- Clients may feel comfortable asking questions about how to apply for benefits with people they trust.



Provider Benefits of V-CAN Membership What's in it for you?

Enhancing Your Services

- Today, you answer questions about public assistance.
- In the new system, you can offer on-site access to benefit applications and information.

Maximizing Resources in the New System

- Today, a family visits your free neighborhood health clinic for services, utilizing your privately-raised funding when Medicaid should pay the bill.
- In the new system, you can encourage the family to apply for Medicaid benefits *right in your office*.

Accessing up-to-date information on Eligibility Modernization

 By becoming a V-CAN member, you will receive client outreach materials, bi-monthly newsletters and information updates on upcoming developments with the Eligibility Modernization project.



Becoming an Access Point

- V-CAN membership is completely <u>voluntary</u>. An Access Point will provide at least one of the following:
 - Computer
 - Internet (Internet Explorer 6.0 or Netscape 7.0 Free download)
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader version 4.0 or newer (Free download)
 - Printer (Optional, if computer is provided)
 - Phone
 - Fax
 - Mail
- Access Points can choose to provide the method(s) of access (computer, phone, etc) that make sense for clients and available resources.
- Access Points can choose to be publicized (serve the public) or nonpublicized (serve current clients only).



V-CAN Communication & Support

Communication to all V-CAN members

- Bi-Monthly newsletters
- Updates via email
- Article inserts for member newsletters

V-CAN Client Support Materials

- Access Points will receive Call Center tip cards, Internet roll-menus, and other client educational information for clients to use.
- Access Points and Referral Members will receive posters and postcards with information about how clients can access the new system.
- Complete the V-CAN Materials Request Form will be found at <u>www.in.gov/fssa</u> to request materials.

Become a V-CAN Member or upgrade your membership

- Visit <u>www.in.gov/fssa</u> and click "Eligibility Modernization"
- Complete the V-CAN Registration form



Your Participation Counts!

Review Sample V-CAN Materials

 Samples of posters, postcards, Internet roll-menus and Call Center tip cards are available for your feedback immediately following this presentation.

Grant County Service Center Open House

- V-CAN members are invited to an open house at the Grant County Service Center early this fall.
- Invitations coming soon!

Region 1 Implementation and Feedback

- Region 1 Implementation is targeted for late October 2007.
- Email <u>vcan@us.ibm.com</u> to let us know how the Region 1 implementation is going for your clients.



Questions?

Find us online! www.in.gov/fssa, click on "Eligibility Modernization"

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